

COUNSEL.—This letter will, to you, be as one from the dead. The writer will be in the grave before you can weigh its counsels. Your affectionate and excellent father has requested that I would address to you something which might possibly have a favorable influence on the course of life you have to run, and I, too, as a namesake, feel an interest in that course. Few words will be necessary, with good dispositions on your part. Adore God. Reverence and cherish your parents. Love your neighbor as yourself. Be just. Be true. Murmur not at the ways of Providence. So shall the life into which you have entered, be the portal to one of eternal and ineffable bliss. (To Thomas Jefferson Smith, 1825. C. VII, 401-)

CREATION.—I give one answer to all theorists—that is as follows: They all suppose the earth a created existence; they must suppose a Creator, then, and that he possessed power and wisdom to a great degree. As he intended the earth for the habitation of animals and vegetables, is it reasonable to suppose he made two jobs of the creation? That he first made a chaotic lump and set it in motion, and then, waiting ages necessary to form itself—that when it had done this he stepped in a second time to create the animals and plants which were to inhabit it? As a hand of a Creator is to be called in it may as well be called in at one stage of the process as another. "We may as well suppose he created the earth at once nearly in the state in which we see it. (To Charles Thompson, written in Paris, 1786. F. IV., 338.)

CREDIT.—I own it to be my opinion that good will arise from destruction of our credit. I see nothing else which can restrain our disposition to luxury, and the loss of these manners which alone can preserve Republican government. As it is impossible to prevent credit, the best way would be to cure its ill effects by giving an instantaneous recovery to the creditor; this would be reducing purchases on credit to purchases for ready money. A man would then see a poison painted on everything he wished but had not ready money to pay for it. (From a letter written ~| in Paris to Archibald Stuart, 1786. F. IV., 188.)

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